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1. Prior to 1 June 1955, 20,000 "volunteers" were to be recruited from members of the GST. Especially wanted were boys from high schools as officer aspirants. 1
2. Between 1 and 15 April, 250 recruits, between 18 and 23 years old, were sent to various assembly points and posts from the area of a KRA. Twenty-five percent of these recruits were to join border police and SFS units. A rather large number of recruits volunteered for the VP See.
3. Between 10 and 16 April, the same recruiting agency registered 19 officer aspirants, 15 of which were to leave for Berlin-Treptow, where a course was started on 25 April.
4. Each KRA had to report daily to the SED Kreisleitung the number of volunteers via a direct telephone connection. Each applicant was given a physical check and was subsequently presented to a commission which included the chief of the KRA, a member of the SED Kreisleitung and KVP officers of all branches of service. During the following days, it was decided whether or not the applicant was fit for service with the KVP. In order to stress the voluntary character of the procedure, the prospective recruits had to turn in applications.
5. In mid-April, members of the 1937 class were released for recruiting. The recruiting program was supported by the SED. One recruiting agency registered 14.8 percent of the scheduled number of recruits and another agency registered 42 percent. the result of the recruiting campaign was not better than that of previous actions. Members and candidates of the SED who, in spite of orders by the party, had not submitted to the recruiting, were to be called to account by a party court.

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6. Subsequently, the recruiting program of the GST and FDJ started with the support of KVP officers. This program was to terminate on 15 May.
7. In late April, it was learned, in order of the central committee of the SED, that all members and candidates of the SED which had not volunteered for the KVP were to be subjected to an intensified individual "treatment" by newly established recruiting commissions which included members of the SED, FDGB and the women's committee, FDJ and GST leader and plant managers, as well as foremen from the enterprises. This commission, which was controlled by the party, pointed out that, in case of rejection, the men concerned had no further chance for promotion. 1 2
8. [redacted] directives were issued in early April, according to which all youths between 18 and 22 years were to be urged to join the KVP. 2
9. Beginning in mid-April, an intensified recruiting campaign, which was initiated by the FDJ, was started in nationalized enterprises among 18 to 22-year old youths. KVP officers addressed the young men at plant meetings and subsequently questioned them individually. 1
10. According to a 20-year old SED member from Neustrelitz, all male SED members under 21 years had been ordered to report at the KVP recruiting offices at once. 1
11. On 4 April, it was learned that the disturbances among the students of the Greifswald university had been caused by the fact that members of the medical faculty had been requested to sign an obligation to join the KVP as medical lieutenants upon completion of their studies. 25X1
12. On 10 April, a medical student stated that it was planned to restrict the medical faculty to future VP physicians. 3
13. In mid-April, a KVP recruiting commission allegedly addressed not only male but also female employees between 18 and 28 years of a HO agency. 1
14. In mid-April, members of the SED and FDJ in the Agfa Werk Wolfen were ordered by the party to join the KVP. 1
15. On 25 April, the Oberbauleiter of Bauunion Saed at the construction site, was forced to recruit for the KVP 40 youths of the about 200 youths employed in his area. 1 ~~Strassberg~~
16. On 29 April, it was announced at a meeting of functionaries of trade unions in the Kreis Strassberg that only 30 percent of the scheduled number of KVP recruits had been registered so far. 1
1. [redacted] comment. Since 1 April, the recruiting campaign was intensified and apparently also affected 21 and 22 year-old men, while, according to an order by the chief of the KVP of 26 September 1953, only 18 to 20-year old volunteers were scheduled to be recruited. The fact that two more classes were affected can be explained by the increased demand, particularly after the recent discharges. It is apparently planned to enlist as many members as possible of the class which had been earmarked 25X1

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for recruiting in 1953 and of the following classes. SKD, GST and PDJ recruiting campaigns undoubtedly use the authority of the party but also address non-members who, on the basis of coercion, are forced to "volunteer".

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2. Comment. The political school of the KVP is believed to be located in Berlin-Treptow.
3. Comment. The only known medical school of the KVP is in Leipzig. It is possible that medical officers are scheduled to study in Greifswald, in the future.

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